

**Green County  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee  
February 6, 2019 MINUTES**

The February 6, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Erica Roth, and Jody Hoesly. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension Area Extension Director, Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Development Educator; Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator, and Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting was made by Olson, second Roth. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Ellen Andrews**, presented the Adult Leader Training which focused on Civil Rights, Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion. The training was geared to help clubs connect, re-center about 4-H and show their path forward. Another purpose of the training was to increase their understanding of culture and diversity in 4H and how to think differently. From this meeting, the clubs set goals for their path forward and this year one goal had to identify a diversity within their club.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for February 2019. The EFT payments totaled \$331.52 and the check payments totaled \$2,972.87. Motion made by Carter, second by Hoesly, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Victoria Solomon presented a 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal for the UW-Stevens Point Groundwater Quality Trends Data program. Good discussion and questions were asked regarding the process. Hoesly moved to move forward with Option A for the proposed plan, Roth seconded. Before moving to the Finance Committee, the Ag & Extension Committee requested the Health Committee and Land & Water Conservation Committees be contacted to be on board. Victoria will follow up to present to them. If a unified approach can be made, it can be presented to Finance Committee before going to County Board, possibly in April or May.

Discussion was made for the contract regarding the 20% Buyout of the Community Resource Development Educator by Leadership Wisconsin for February, March & April 2019 (Approximately 4 days per month). Ohlrogge noted the contract was not available yet, but will be soon. Carter moved Ken Hodgson sign the contract when it becomes available and Hoesly second. Motion passed.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director:

- Discussed the Civil Rights/Language Access Review coming up for all 4-counties in our area. The review is a process to show intentional effort is made to be inclusive of any diversity areas.
- Discussed an all staff meeting for Professional Development scheduled for Monday, February 11, in Dodgeville, for all Counties
- Noted Extension is becoming more of a “Department” of the UW-Madison each day. Changes including logos, websites, emails, etc are beginning to take place, as well as Administration, IT Departments, Human Resources, etc.
- Discussed Educators working on completing their Plan of Work documents for the upcoming year.
- Announced Green County Staff is wonderful as evident in their programs and work.

Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Green County UW-Extension:

- Advised the Extension-Green County Annual Report will be mailed out for the March County Board meeting. Prior to that, at the next Ag & Extension Committee Meeting, we will review the report.
- Presented the letter to be signed and sent to Ag Instructors in Green County regarding Tractor Safety.

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 6, 2019 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Carter, second by Olson to adjourn at 1:47 pm. Motion carried.